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Re: Request to Parallel Process the Draft
Redesignation Petition and Maintenance
Plan for Allen County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Allen County, Indiana, attached hereto, in reference to the 8-hour air quality standard for ozone. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

This attached document consists of the following:

Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan

- This document requests that the Allen County nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the US EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan considers a maintenance horizon of 2020 and analyzes 2010 as an interim year.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

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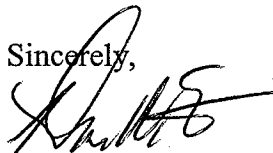
Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

- Contained in the Maintenance Plan is a new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for 2020. The Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council's travel-demand model and MOBILE6.2 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.

These draft documents are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through April 24, 2006. A public hearing concerning the draft petition is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2006, in the City County Building, 1 East Main Street, Omni Room # 250, Fort Wayne, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft to the US EPA by the end of May 2006.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Krista Gremos, Air Programs Branch at (317)233-5680.

Sincerely,



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